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## PRINTER WANTED!

A good compositor and pressman combined can find work by making immediate application at this office.

Lord Beaconsfield's health still continues precarious.

There was a heavy earthquake in California on the 10th.

Old General Joe Lane, the Hero of Buena Vista, who is nearly 90 years old, is dangerously ill at his home at Rose Hill, Oregon.

That Normal School—An Important Suggestion.

We mentioned last week having met Senator Burges on the train, and meant to have called the attention of our people to an important suggestion he made with respect to the possible location of one of the Normal schools at this place hereafter. The subject, as our readers are probably aware, went over at the late session of the Legislature, but will probably come up at the extra session to be held most likely, as Senator Burges informed us, about a year hence, or if not then, at the next session thereafter. In the meantime, Senator Burges stated that the managers of the Peabody fund in this State, propose holding Normal schools at different points, and that Prof. Hollingsworth, of the State Board of Education, would have considerable if not a controlling influence in fixing their location. The suggestion therefore is that our leading citizens should so far interest themselves as to try to have a session of one of said Normal schools held at this place. The Senator thought if we would tender the use of the Institute building for that purpose, we could effect the desired result. Prof. Hollingsworth being presumably partial to this place, or at any rate knowing it would be a suitable one.

Now the advantages to be gained by holding a Normal school session here would be to put San Marcos favorably before the educators and general public of the state as the right place for the location of the permanent Normal school for western Texas at the proper time. It would place her in direct line of succession, as it were, and greatly enhance her prospects of ultimate success. As it is proposed to hold the Normal school sessions during the vacation of the regular schools, there could be no conflict in giving the use of the Institute buildings. We fully concur with Senator Burges that this is a very important subject. We commend it to the consideration of the trustees of our schools, the trustees of the Institute, our County Judge and leading citizens generally, and suggest that correspondence be opened forthwith with Prof. Hollingsworth on the subject. Aside from the advantages already indicated, the presence of a large body of prominent educators for several weeks or months, could not fail of giving an impetus to the cause of education among us, besides disseminating a general wholesome influence.

Bradlaugh has been re-elected from Northampton, the vote standing: For Bradlaugh, 3,378; for Corbett, the Conservative candidate, 3,253. The constituencies of Northampton have given their verdict very plainly on the question of whether the member should be unelected because of his refusal to swear while willing to affirm.

## Home Manufacturers.

Manufacturing would proceed much more rapidly at the South if machinery could be had at reasonable prices. The South is hampered by taxes for everything, and her only salvation is to induce manufacturers to come in her midst and work up the raw material. The tables of exports of manufactures from the United States and Great Britain are sadly disproportionate—in 1879, the United States exported \$10,967,668, while England sent out \$259,390,000. In 1880 the U. S. exported \$11,286,494, and England, \$318,900,000. To counteract this unbalanced account, factories must be established in the heart of the cotton region, and foundries for machinery. Neither the United States nor the South will be independent while the resources of the South are so little developed.

An English company has bought the patent right from the Rhode Island horse shoe company, for \$425,000, to manufacture horse shoes outside of the United States and Canada. Over \$675,000 will be required to start the factory by the 1st of May.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(Special correspondence of the Free Press.)

WASHINGTON, DIST. COLUMBIA.

April 6th, 1881.

President Garfield was so much frightened at the interruption of office seekers early in March that he adopted various expedients to reduce the number. Mrs. Garfield has also found it necessary to put a limit to the freedom of late characterizing White House receptions. And the ladies of the Cabinet, after consideration have decided that they will be unable to return calls. All these things show that the country is growing, and that Washington is becoming a populous city instead of a struggling village. Twenty people come here for office, to see the sights, or to spend a season, where one came prior to 1860. There is also a steady gain in the permanent population of the city, especially of the best class of citizens. The negro invasion commenced in 1861 and kept up through war, lost force after 1865, but was strengthened in 1871—2, and 3, while Shepherd was spending "a million a minute" in street improvements. It has ceased now, and under the influence of good treatment, good schools and good wages, the bulk of the colored people are becoming reputable citizens. The future of the city is as much assured as that of the country, and I believe the time is not far off when Washington will be the great pleasure and health resort of the country. The death rate among its white residents is less than that of any other city of equal population.

There has been absolutely no progress in business at the Senate during the past week. The Republican Senators are very, very anxious to proceed to executive business, but won't do it. They still insist on first electing three or four officers of the Senate. They remind me of the barefooted boy, who, when asked by his father, one winter day, what he wanted, said he wanted a pair of shoes, but he must have a bosom pin. It is as certain as fate that our Republican brethren will go without the jewelry until December, at least, unless they accept the shoes first. There is not one Democratic Senator who will yield. As the Republican administration is placed in a ridiculous and damaging position by the dead lock, it is probable some of the Republican Senators will be influenced to break it. The President or Secretary Blaine could do so in an hour.

Senator Conkling is in New York accompanied by Senator Jones, of Nevada, a devoted personal friend, attempting to secure influence unfavorable to the confirmation of Robertson as collector of the port of New York. It is a mild statement of the truth to say that the quarrel between the administration and the New York Senator attracts more attention here, though it has not reached the stage of Senatorial discussion yet, than did any quarrel Mr. Hayes ever forced upon the party. For various reasons the party leaders were against Hayes, without much regard for the merits of Mr. Conkling's compliments. Several Democratic Senators then aided Mr. Conkling. Now the situation in both these respects is changed. The leaders are not with Conkling, and I don't believe a single Democrat will vote against any nomination so far made by Garfield except those of Stanley Mathews and William E. Chandler.

## News Summary.

Small pox is raging in Havana. Texas cotton seed is the best in the world for manufacturing oil. St. Paul, Minn., had an earthquake shock April 7.

Railroad men sometimes misplace switches, but San Marcos mothers never do.

John Brown's soul is still "marching on," but his widow is very poor in Washington, asking for work.

The Texas State Dental Association meets in Austin on the 4th of May.

Major Penn is going to build a fine church at Palestine from contributions of nickels.

The Duke of Argyll has resigned his office as keeper of the privy seal, on account of the new land bill.

Russia has no military "backbone" to spare Greece in case of war with the foul (fowl) Turkey.

The electric light is superceding gas in use in steamship lines and factories. Gas stock is going down.

Over 200 dwellings were flooded at Yankton, D. T., on the 7th and hundreds of persons were rescued almost perished from the ice and water.

It appears that President Garfield is doing just exactly as he pleases in the matter of appointments, without deference to the wishes of citizens.

The wool market is glutted and prices down 12 to 15 per cent from best rates of 1880. There is no reaction, parties buying only for manufacturing purposes.

John Williams was hanged at Waverly, Tennessee, April 6, for killing his wife. He admitted his guilt and

said his punishment was just. Nearly 4,000 people witnessed the execution.

Over 40,000 people are homeless and destitute from the earthquake at Ohio. Thirty villages were almost destroyed; Castro, the chief town is a mass of rubbish. Hundreds of corpses are still under the ruins, and a plague is feared.

Oscar Lafayette, son of George Washington Lafayette, and grandson of the man whom America has long delighted to honor, died recently in France.

The growth of the German carp fish has been greater in Texas than in any other state—an encouraging omen. Let us have a fish fry.

The N. Y. T. and N. H. R.

The New York, Texas and Mexican Railway Company has secured ground at Rosenberg Junction, which is the intersecting point of the Sunset road and the Santa Fe railway, three miles northwest of Richmond, in Ft. Bend county. At this point the railway is to begin its course towards the Rio Grande, the initial points being Warton, Victoria, Goliad, Beville and Brownsville. Surveys have been made from Rosenberg Junction to Victoria, and the line has been located to Warton, and the right-of-way secured to the Colorado river, and the contract let for all the line from Rosenberg to Warton. The survey from Warton to Victoria is preliminary, but the work of location will soon begin, and the line will be pushed rapidly towards the west. It is said that this company is looking for a line to the coast, and whether it will go to Trespelagos, or Matagorda Bay, or the mouth of the Brazos is hard to tell, but there is every evidence of great activity in railroad building in this rich sugar and cotton region. It is understood that persons in this city have secured the contract for grading between Rosenberg and Warton. [Statesman.]

A car-load of fine sheep went through on Sunday last, going west.

The excavation of ground for the foundation of the new buildings at the head of the square was begun yesterday.

## Notice!

Owing to the appointment of Thos. H. Franklin to the office of District attorney of the 15th Judicial District, the law partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

W. O. HUTCHISON.

Thos. H. FRANKLIN.

April 4th, 1881.

Health, the poor man's riches and the rich man's bliss is maintained by the judicious use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla which strengthens and invigorates the system by purifying the blood. It is so highly concentrated that it is the most economical medicine for this purpose that can be used.

What Great Artists Say.

From MADAM LA BLACHE, Prima Donna of her Majesty's Opera, and her already celebrated daughter NINA. MENDLSOHN Piano Co., New York: Gentlemen—I must say that all of your Upright Pianos upon which I have played are splendid. They have a solid powerful tone, with a lovely singing quality, and the action is perfect. Hoping that you may live long to make such beautiful pianos, I am dear sir, Yours truly,

LA BLACHE.

NINA LA BLACHE.

H. B. HILLYER, PHOTOGRAPHER.

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April 14, 1881. v10-n21-f

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W. Z. DRISKILL,

San Marcos, Texas.

[N. E. Corner Public Square.

April 7, 1881. v10-n20-2a

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Two hundred locomotives have been ordered by the Mexican N. Y. R. R. Co., of the Baldwin (Philadelphia) works, at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., at forty, retires from active service as rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, N. Y. City.

## STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Office International & Great Northern R. R. Co., PASADENA, TEX., April 4, 1881. NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at this office, at Pasadena, Texas, on the 18th day of June, 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors, adopted April 4, 1881, for the purpose of authorizing the execution of a mortgage on all the property of the company, to secure the payment of \$4,250,000, and a further sum of \$100,000 for every mile of railroad constructed or to be constructed, at a meeting held at Pasadena, on April 4th, 1881, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The polls will open at 10:30 o'clock. In the forenoon, and close at 12 o'clock noon of said day. By order of the Board of Directors.

D. H. SMITH, SECRETARY.

## MARKET REPORT.

San Marcos Retail Price Current.

CONNECTED WEEKLY FOR THE FREE PRESS, BY O. W. DONALSON, AGO.

Coffee, per lb. 14c

Sugar, brown, per lb. 9 to 10c

" granulated, per lb. 12c

" crushed, " 10c

Butter, per lb. 12c

Eggs, per doz. 12c

Chicken, per doz. 25c

Lard, clear sides, per lb. 12c

" choice refined, " 10c

Home, " 12c

Wheat, per bushel, 85c

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